Proposal to extend the Alatturayar from Puliyurkurichi to Marutvamalai.

378. **MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any proposal to extend the Alatturayar from Puliyurkurichi tank up to Marutvamalai in South Travancore;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the stage at which it stands now (November 1928);

(*c*) whether they propose to proceed with the scheme:

(*d*) the number of petitions received by the Chief Engineer from the ryots under the Manakudiyan *kal* and the nature of their disposal;

(*e*) whether they have realised that most of the newly converted lands commanded by the Kodayar Project are not getting full supply of water for the last so many years; and

(*f*) whether, in view of the incapability of the Kodayar reservoir to feed satisfactorily all the paddy lands commanded by it and the consequent failure of crops in the lower reaches of its channels, they intend to review the proposals made some 30 years back by that eminent engineer, Mr. Horsely, and to construct at least one or two minor reservoirs in the near future?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The proposal has been given up, as it was found that the Tovala Channel is able to serve its ayacut.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

(*d*) Some petitions were received by the Chief Engineer who has duly considered them and made a report to the Government.

(*e*) No; there is scarcity only when the monsoons fail.

(*f*) The present capacity of the channels is being examined and when they are made leak-proof, the necessity for minor reservoirs may not arise.

Measures for Prevention of accidental fires in Alleppey.

379. **MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that there are still numerous huts, petty shops, houses, godowns and factories with *kadjan* thatching within the municipal limits of the Alleppey town?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Depressed Classes and Construction of Roads.

380. **MR. K. MADHAVAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the reason why they insist on making the depressed class people contribute towards the construction of roads and wells when costly roads for other castes are solely met by the Government?

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